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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0584
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SUBJ: VISIT BY ATT SENIOR EXECUTIVES

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT TO KUWAIT JUNE 3 BY CHAIRMAN
DEBUTTS AND PRESIDENT BROWN OF ATT AND WESTERN ELECTRIC
PRESIDENT PROCKNOW. WE ARE READY TO OFFER ALL APPROPRIATE
ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR EXPECTS TO BE AWAY
FROM POST ON HOME LEAVE AT THAT TIME.

2. EMBASSY FOLLOWS SAME POLICY AS CAIRO IN NOT REQUESTING
APPOINTMENTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR VISITORS WITH THE AMIR.
KUWAIT'S AMIR IS BESIEGED BY NUMEROUS OFFICIAL VISITORS,
PARTICULARLY FROM THE ARAB AND DEVELOPING WORLD. IF
WE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR ATT OFFICIALS, WE WOULD
BE OBLIGED TO MAKE SIMILAR REQUESTS ON BEHALF OF NUMEROUS
SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES WHO CONSTANTLY VISIT KUWAIT.
THIS WOULD BE IMPROPER IMPOSITION UPON AMIR'S TIME AND
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN REFUSALS OF THEIR REQUESTS WHICH
WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID. GIVEN PROMINENCE OF ATT GROUP,
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HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT APPROACH THROUGH KUWAIT EMBASSY
WASHINGTON WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN GRANTING OF APPOINTMENT
TO MEET WITH AMIR. WE NOTE THAT DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S APPOINT-
MENT WITH AMIR DURING RECENT VISIT WAS ARRANGED PRIVATELY.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ATT
OFFICIALS TO MEET MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SULAIMAN AL-

KHALED AND HIS UNDER SECRETARY ABDUL-RAHMAN AL-GHUNAIM, WHO IS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN HANDLING STRICTLY COMMUNICATIONS SIDE OF THE MINISTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES. AN APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER ABDULLAH AL-GHANEM WOULD ALSO SEEM TO BE APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO WESTERN ELECTRIC INTERNATIONAL'S PLANS. EMBASSY COULD ALSO SEEK TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE ABDUL-RAHMAN AL-ATEEQI IF ATT OFFICIALS FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE IN THEIR INTEREST TO MEET WITH HIM.

4. IN AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE, DCM SUTHERLAND AND CHIEF OF ECONOMIC SECTION BUCK ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR ATT OFFICIALS.

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